

MISSISSIPPI YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, August 27, 2005

The Mississippi Youth Soccer Association held a Council Meeting at the Cabot Lodge - Millsaps in Jackson, Mississippi on Saturday, August 27, 2005.

President David Dodd called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. Dawn Wright called the roll and the following Council Members were in attendance and a quorum was established:

David Dodd, President
Brent Clements, Immediate Past President and Executive Director
Doug Kitchens, 1st Vice President (Division III)
Tony Bombich, 2nd Vice President (Division II)
Kay Breland, 3rd Vice President (Division I)
Gene Phillips, Treasurer
Dawn Wright, Secretary-Registrar
Alex Farned, Northern District Director
Jim Harrison, Western District Director
Kim Quarles, Central District Director
Tommy Gore, Southern District Director

Member not in attendance was Pam Spence, 4th Vice President (Adult).

Committee Members in attendance:

Chris Dahlman, Discipline and Appeals

President David Dodd addressed the Council related to ODP tryouts and administrators. Discussion ensued related to the ODP tryouts and various aspects such as evaluation forms, successful online registration and handling of walkups on site. The next phase will be that the coaching committee will be getting together to recommend coaches for approval by the Council for the ODP for the 2005-2006 year. ODP is being administered different from the past but the belief is that this will improve the issues faced by the program. Administrator information is posted on the MYSA website. Any questions need to be funneled to the administrators and not the MYSA office.

Financial report of the treasurer. Gene Phillips is closing out books for year 2005 next week. Collection of past due invoices need to be cleared.

Final officer budgets are due September 15th.

Mississippi In Touch Publication.

Motion Brent Clements made a motion to leave the Mississippi In Touch issue tabled and move to old business. Gene Phillips seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

AGM Hosting Proposals. Received proposals from Tupelo and Gulf Coast. This item will be moved to old business for further discussion.

Vicksburg Soccer Organization – request for financial reprieve. This item will be tabled and addressed under new business.

D1 Online Items and D&A will be tabled and addressed under old business.

Redistricting Plans will be tabled and addressed under old business.

OLD BUSINESS.

D&A Revisions Review. Discussion ensued. It was discovered at the last meeting that MYSA's current procedure was in violation of USSF appeals process as we had too many steps for appeal. We had 3 and it was required to be no more than 2 before getting to USSF. Two versions were submitted to the Council for consideration -- one from Chris Dahlman and one from Brent Clements. The cover letter attached to the version submitted by Chris Dahlman referenced a vote at the July 24, 2005 Minutes. However, Brent Clements noted there was not a vote in the Minutes.

Motion Jim Harrison made a motion to place the Discipline & Appeals Policy revisions on the table for discussion. Tommy Gore seconded the motion.

Floor is open for discussion. There are two proposals to be reviewed. Brent Clements went to USSF policy to amend MYSA's verbage to match USSF verbage for bylaw 7.1. The expanded portion includes the terms grievance and protest. Whether MYSA has grievance in or not, it needs to be added. This matter was tabled for later discussion when copies of both proposals could be reviewed by the Council.

Redistricting Plans. Doug Kitchens stated he has not received any information for any one. Initially, the committee had looked at trying to keep the proposal at four districts and reallocate organizations. The committee felt like this would just move one problem from one district to another. Redistricting to five districts would make state tournament difficult in seeding and scheduling. Discussion ensued related to numbers and moving of recommended district boundary lines. This matter has been referred back to the Council to move the issue forward.

Motion Brent Clements made a motion that the four District Directors meet with the Redistricting Expansion Committee face-to-face prior to the next Council meeting. Kay Breland seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

D&A Revisions Review discussion resumed now that the Council has copies of both proposals. Brent Clements pulled 7.01 USSF Bylaw for review by the Council. Chris addressed the Council and believes we have known for some time that we needed to review the structure of Discipline and Appeals. The primary need at this point is to delete one of the levels of appeals currently stated in MYSA policy. Chris discussed a specific appeal related to Clinton Soccer Association and Central Jackson Soccer Organization and the Western District. It was indicated that there were only to be two levels of appeal. Chris has reviewed the policies of several surrounding states and the definitions have changed but Chris was unable to determine when the changes occurred. Chris indicated her goal was to clean up the Bylaws.

Motion Brent Clements made a motion that all referenced to the district level of the appeals be struck from 3.12 through 3.14 and any remaining revision be set to the Rules and Revision Committee for final resolution. Gene Phillips seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

D1 ON-LINE. Nothing has changed and the online player pass system is working. Brent Clements advised the Council that he has not gotten a quote back on the D&A from Hammerhead. Brent believes we should have quote within 2 weeks. If approved, this online reporting should be able to happen within a month. Until such time, reporting will continue as it has been done in the past.

Motion Kay Breland made a motion to allow Brent Clements to precede with the online upgrade for D&A and Division I enhancements up to amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. Gene Phillips seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

D2 ON-LINE. Should be no development costs for the ePass system for Division II. Additional refinements will be discussed as needed in the future.

COACHING ON-LINE. This online system should be functional in two weeks. Brent Clements will provide user and passwords to the Council for testing.

AGM Host Proposals. Selection of location to hold AGM based on proposals submitted by Tupelo and Gulf Coast.

Motion Gene Phillips made a motion to hold the AGM at the Holiday Inn in Gulfport, Mississippi. Tommy Gore seconded the motion. Alex Farned opposed. The Motion carries

License Plate Update. Brent Clements advised the Council that we need to pre-sell 60 more tags to begin production. Kay Breland believes that people under that these tags work just like other organizational tags. The Council requested that the website be updated to draw more attention and that an email blast be sent from the office requesting assistance in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

88 ODP Refund Request. Region III charged \$275 to attend ODP camp. MYSA (Mark Gibbs) charged them \$475. The participants have requested a portion of the funds to be refunded. Kay Breland suggested a refund of \$150.

Motion Gene Phillips moved that Brent Clements and Kay Breland calculate net costs and refund the differenced based on net balance. Kim Quarles seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Gene Phillips called the question. The Motion carries.

ODP Refund Request from Singletary. Brief overview was provided to the Council about this issue.

Motion Kay Breland made a motion to deny any refund unless a refund is received from Region III on behalf of Mitchell Singletary. If a refund is received administration costs such be deducted prior to refund. Gene Phillips seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

Registration.

Motion Gene Phillips made a motion to approve subpools as requested. Jim Harrison seconded the motion. The Motion carries.

VSO Financial Appeal. Vicksburg Soccer Organization submitted a letter dated August 11, 2005 and attached resolution related to delay of payment of a portion of the player fees for the Fall 2005 to be paid with the Spring 2005 player fees.

Motion Brent Clements made a motion that MYSA accept VSO's resolution with the following caveat that all Division I fees be paid when due to provide protection to the Division I teams because they compete in a league and could be subjected to a protestable position. Gene Phillips seconded the motion. The Motion carries. Brent Clements is to convey acceptance of the resolution by MYSA to VSO.

There being no further business to properly be brought before the Council.

Motion Jim Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim Quarles seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

Dawn Wright, Secretary-Registrar